

07-21-04

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/647,022	08/18/2003	Pierre Jean Francois Layrolle	04148.00031

22910
BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.
28 STATE STREET
28th FLOOR
BOSTON, MA 02109-9601

CONFIRMATION NO. 1537

FORMALITIES LETTER



OC000000012676542

Date Mailed: 05/19/2004

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 1-13 too dark.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

10647022

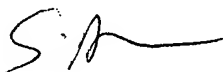
190733

07/22/2004 DEMANDU1 00000017 65.00 DA

01 FC:2051

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.



Customer Service Center
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



PATENT
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 04148-00031

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	
Jia Ping Li, Pierre Jean François Layrolle, and)	Examiner:
Klaas de Groot)	
)	
Serial No.: 10/647,022)	Art Unit:
)	
Filed: August 18, 2003)	
)	
Title: POROUS METALS AND METAL)	
COATINGS FOR IMPLANTS)	

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Missing Parts
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed May 19, 2004 (a copy of which is enclosed), Applicants as a small entity submit herewith the following:

A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63;
Payment of the surcharge of \$65.00 for late filing of the declaration; and
Return postcard.

It is understood that this perfects the application and no additional papers or filing fees are required. Please apply the instant filing fees, in the amount of \$65.00, and any other charges or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 19, 2004

By 
John P. Iwanicki, Reg. No. 34,628
BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.
28 State Street, 28th Floor
Boston, MA 02109
(617) 720-9600